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SUBJ: DAHOMEAN GOVT MEDIA CARRY ATTACK BY NORTH KOREAN
AMBASSADOR ON USG

1. ON NOV 13 AND 14 THE DAHOMEAN GOVT MEDIA (RADIO AND
NEWSPAPER) GAVE TOP PLAY TO COTONOU PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS
BY NORTH KOREAN AMB KOKKO MOUN HEUNG ON KOREAN RESOLUTION
BEFORE UNGA. WHAT HE SAID WAS A NAKED ATTACK ON THE UNITED
STATES.

2. ACCORDING TO HEUNG, USG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING
PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. "IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE PROTECTION
GIVEN BY AMERICAN TROOPS OF AGGRESSION STATIONED IN SOUTH
KOREA, THE PUPPET REGIME OF PARK WOULD HAVE BEEN SWEEPED
AWAY LONG AGO...IN SPITE OF THE DECEITFUL AND PERFIDIOUS
MANOEUVRES ORCHESTRATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTINUES TO WORK TO BRING
ABOUT REUNIFICATION..." AFTER TEAR-JERKING REMARKS ON EFFECTS
OF ARTIFICIAL DIVISION OF COUNTRY CAUSED BY A FOREIGN POWER,
HEUNG GAVE ASSURANCES HIS GOVT READY AT ANY TIME TO CONCLUDE
PEACE AGREEMENT "WITH USG" PROVIDED US TROOPS LEAVE FIRST.

3. WE HAVE PREPARED PROTEST NOTE BUT THERE IS LITERALLY NO
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ONE AVAILABLE ON WHOM TO MAKE DEMARCH. MINISTRIES ARE

CLOSED DOWN TO ASSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE IN THEIR HOME NEIGHBORHOODS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPULSORY "VOTING" FOR MARXIST/LENINIST CANDIDATES IN LOCAL "ELECTIONS". MINISTERS ARE OUT IN COUNTRYSIDE ENFORCING THESE AND OTHER POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES.

4. WILL TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH FORNMIN NEXT TIME AUDIENCE CAN BE ARRANGED WHICH MAYNOT BE SOON.
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